IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. 23445-M of 2007
Date of decision: 12.7.2007

Bachan Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

Present : Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. I.P.S. Sidhu, Sr. DAG Punjab
for the respondent

Mr. A.P.S. Deol, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, Advocate
for the complainant

**S.S.SARON, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner is the mother-in-law of deceased Manjit Kaur, who died by consuming poison. The FIR has been registered on the statement of Pritam Singh, father of the deceased. It has been alleged that his daughter Manjit Kaur was harassed by her in-laws on the pretext of bringing less dowry by her. The trial in case is going on and six PWs have been examined and the case is now fixed for recording the evidence of other witnesses on 11.8.2007.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted and laid emphasis on the fact that the father-in-law and sister-in-law (Jethani) have been granted regular bail vide orders dated 1.3.2007 (Annexure P-2) and 16.4.2007 (Annexure P-3) respectively passed by this Court. The role attributed to the petitioner, it is submitted is the same as has been attributed to the said accused who have been granted the concession of bail.

In response, learned counsel for the State and the learned Senior Counsel appearing for the complainant have submitted that the petitioner is the main accused in the case and she is the mother-in-law. It is submitted that initially the husband of the deceased was not challaned in the case as he was found innocent. It was subsequently on an application under Section 319

Cr.P.C. that he was summoned as an accused.

The question whether the amount of Rs. 50,000/- was demanded from the parents of the deceased for repair of the house or as dowry is to be considered during trial. It would be inappropriate to comment on the same at this stage.

Keeping in view the nature of the allegations and also the fact that the trial is going on and the next date for recording evidence is fixed as 11.8.2007, no ground for bail is made out.

Criminal Misc. petition is accordingly dismissed.

(S.S. SARON)
JUDGE

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